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Continuing making history: Contractors move last two selected World War II-era barracks to new locations



Contractors with JMJ Construction of New Lisbon, Wis., along with support from Heritage Movers of Blue River, Wis., move the fourth World War II-era building from the 1600 block to the 2800 block April 6 at Fort McCoy.

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Public Affairs Staff

Contractor JMJ Construction of New Lisbon, Wis., and Heritage Movers of Blue River, Wis., successfully moved the second two of four World War II-era barracks buildings from the 1600 block to the 1800 block and 2800 on April 4 and April 6, respectively.

The first two barracks were moved on Feb. 24 and March 2 to the 1700 block. The contractors had a pause in moving the second two barracks buildings for several reasons, including scheduling days with the power company officials so linemen and trucks were available to tend to power lines across roads as the second two barracks were being moved longer distances than the first two barracks.

Fort McCoy's LRC Food-Service Team earns perfect score on inspection

BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Employees supporting the Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) Food Program Management Office and LRC Supply Subsistence Management Office recently were part of an Army Food Management Assistance Team (FMAT) Inspection where upon completion the Fort McCoy team earned a perfect score from the inspection, officials said.

The FMAT inspection took place March 29-31 at Fort McCoy, said Fort McCoy Food Program Manager Andy Pisney.

"The FMAT inspects each installation food program every 18 months in the Continental United States and every 12 months in overseas locations," Pisney said. "The objectives of the FMAT inspections are to assist in raising the quality of the installation food service program and to increase the effective-



Scott Molle, materials handler, uses a forklift to move items in building 490 April 4 at Fort McCoy.

ness by identifying programs that are functioning well or that may require improvement."

Roberta Sheffield and Franklin Booker with the Joint Culinary Center of Excellence at Fort Lee, Va., inspected the Fort McCoy LRC Food Program, Pisney said. They inspected the Food Program Management Office, contract surveillance, communication, administration, subsistence, food safety/sanitation, nutrition, facilities and equipment, resource management, and modernization.

"Out of a total of 57 points available on the inspection, the Fort McCoy LRC Food Program received 57 points, which is a first for us," Pisney said.

Pisney said the success of the inspection was "an installation total effort."

Following are some of the people he said who are crucial to the success of the entire program.

— Food Program Management Office and LRC Supply Subsistence Management Office: Pisney, Mary Hardie, Jim Gouker, Nancy Brown, Katie Olson, Kris Miner, Bill Weekley, and Scott

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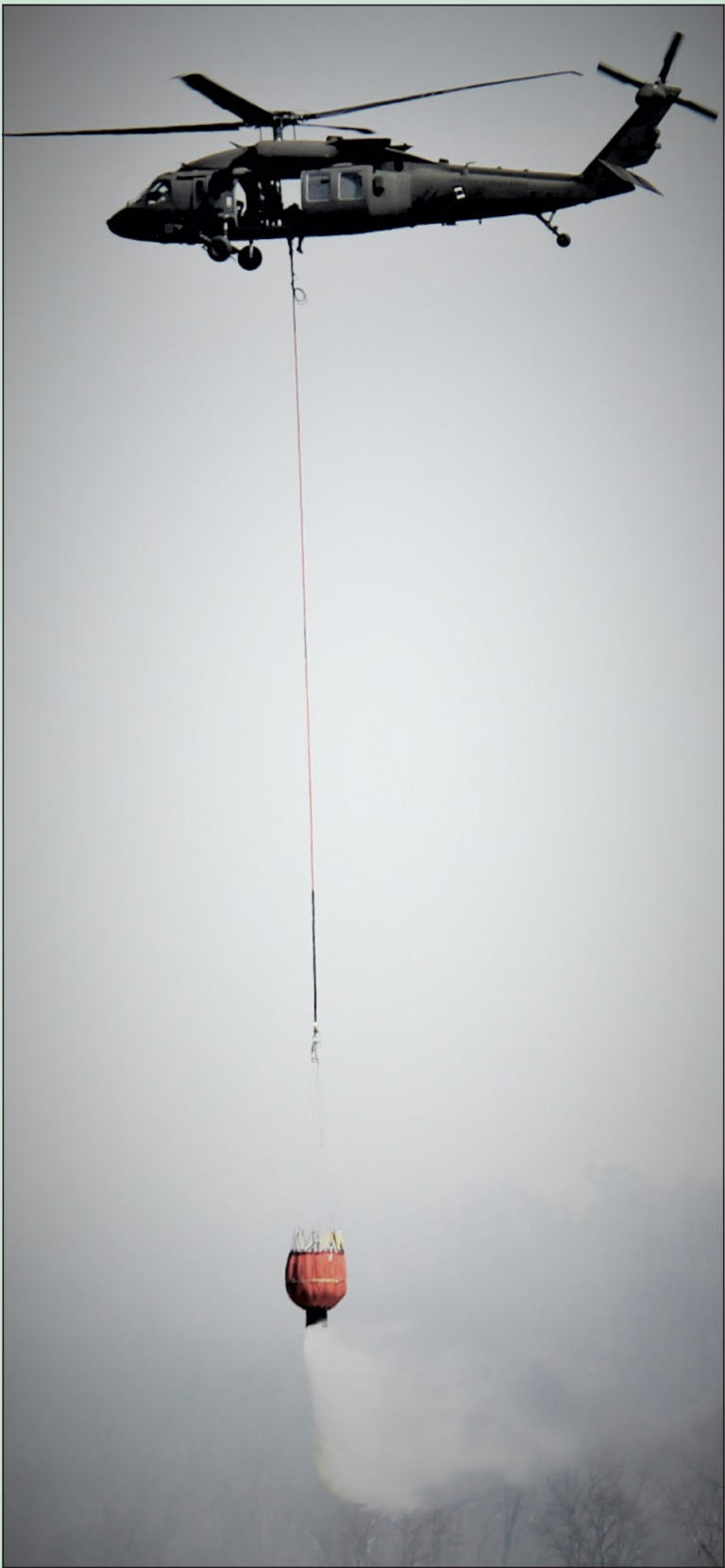


Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Bambi bucket training

A Wisconsin Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk aircrew with the Madison, Wis.-based 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment trains to drop water on wildfires April 10 using a Bambi bucket at Fort McCoy, Wis. Personnel with the Fort McCoy prescribed burn team and aircrew and Black Hawk helicopters with the 1st, 147th participated in the fire training during a prescribed burn on the South Post of the installation. See more about the training on page 7.

Fiscal year 2020-funded barracks construction project completed

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Construction of the first new multi-million-dollar transient troop training barracks at Fort McCoy, funded in fiscal year 2020, was completed and turned over to the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works (DPW) on April 1, said Ken Green with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Resident Office at Fort McCoy.

The \$18.8 million project was awarded to L.S. Black Constructors, which is the contractor who built the first barracks building at Fort McCoy, Green said. The contract was awarded Sept. 29, 2020, and the notice to proceed was issued Oct. 28, 2020. The contract duration was scheduled for completion in 780 calendar days. Most of the work of this barracks project was completed by December 2022. Some delay was just waiting for furniture to arrive to turn it over, for example.

In the last update about the project in March, Green said all remaining work that had to be done was completed and the building would be officially signed over to Fort McCoy DPW on April 1.

On April 15, 2021, an official groundbreaking ceremony was held for this barracks project. Fort McCoy leaders participating in the ceremony included Maj. Gen. Darrell Guthrie, then-88th Readiness Division commanding general and Fort McCoy senior commander; then-Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss; Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works Director Liane Haun; Sean Giese, resident engineer with the Omaha District Corps of the Army Corps of Engineers; and James French, chief operating officer with L.S. Black Constructors. Also attending were Wisconsin State Rep. Nancy VanderMeer and staff personnel for other state and federal lawmakers.

Haun opened the ceremony discussing the project. Guthrie followed Haun to discuss the importance of the construction of only the second and third brick-and-mortar barracks at Fort McCoy since the 1940s.

"Projects like the transient training barracks complex are a direct result of the continued support for Fort McCoy," Guthrie said. "And they enhance the ability of the Army, and especially the Army Reserve, to train here at Fort McCoy. The United States Army Reserve is the key customer for Fort McCoy. Its economic impact alone in Wisconsin is \$323 million a year."

In the same ceremony, Poss also highlighted how



(Left) Framing work is shown under way July 26, 2021, on the fiscal-year 2020 funded barracks project at Fort McCoy. (Right) The barracks is shown April 3 two days after it was completed and turned over to the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works.



Photos by Scott T. Sturkol

construction projects like the barracks projects add to a big economic impact in the local area. Fort McCoy's total economic impact for fiscal year 2020 was an estimated \$1.479 billion, for fiscal year 2021 it was \$1.93 billion, and for fiscal year 2022 it was approximately \$2.542 billion.

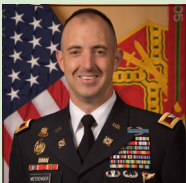
Poss also said in the ceremony that despite the difficulty the pandemic presented at the start of the project, Fort McCoy trained more than 60,000 troops in fiscal year 2020 and continued to strive forward with training and infrastructure improvements like the barracks projects.

"Fort McCoy continues to demonstrate its resolve to be a preferred training location for the Army Reserve, the National Guard, active Army, and joint services," Poss said. "Our efforts today ensure that Fort McCoy's relevance as a Total Force

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Fort McCoy Garrison commander: *March Madness leadership*

BY COL. STEPHEN T. MESSENGER
Commander, Fort McCoy Garrison

March Madness is over, with the champion crowned whittled down from the original 68 teams. This year has been particularly interesting because of the number of underdog wins. After the Sweet Sixteen round, only one team from the original top eight remained.

You can credit these surprise wins to many different factors, but I always start with the coach, the leader.

A head coach at the competitive level is the difference maker and the most important person on the team. To steal the Army definition of a commander, a coach is responsible for everything the team does or fails to do.

I've noticed that the post-game interview is a telling indicator of where the heart of a great coach lies. Below are comments from the four highest-seeded coaches remaining in the Elite Eight and the first thing on their mind after winning:

Coach Dusty May, Florida Atlantic University, Ranked #9: Go to Battle

"It feels great to go to battle with these guys every day. They love to compete, they love the game, and they love each other."

Coach May understands that people in the trenches need to have a deep love, respect, and passion for those around them and their trade. This



generates mutual trust and understanding so when the bullets fly, they act as one.

Coach Greg McDermott, Creighton University, Ranked #6: Be Humble

"First of all, Congrats to Princeton (their opponent) on an incredible year. That is one heck of a basketball team."

The #15 ranked Princeton only had a 3 percent chance to make the Sweet Sixteen.

They were tough. And when Coach McDermott beat them, he had enough humility to acknowledge his competitor's efforts.

Coach James Larrañaga, University of Miami, Ranked #5: Give Credit

"All the credit goes to this guy (Nigel Pack, Point Guard). He just makes every shot."

Miami blew out the #4 seeded Tennessee. After the game, Coach Larrañaga gave the credit to his guard Nigel Pack, who scored 26 points with seven three-pointers. Leaders always deflect praise to others.

Coach Brian Dutcher, San Diego State University, Ranked #5: Focus on the Future

"We played Aztec basketball. We played together, we played the right way, and came home with the win... We're proud of this group, and we're not down. We're not going to over-celebrate, and we have another game to play."

Author Simon Sinek talks of the infinite game. There are no permanent winners or losers, just another game to play. Coach Dutcher, in the adrenaline of a huge win over #1 seeded Alabama, was looking to the future.

Winning themes

When you put these four themes together, you

get a leader who both understands people and how to accomplish goals.

They see competition as war, where winning matters at the elite levels. Success takes dedicated effort to your master your craft, but people are at the center.

This takes a level of being humble and giving credit to those on your team.

Finally, great leaders look to the future to see the next objective ahead.

Kansas State was ranked #3 and has not been an underdog the entire tournament. But I loved the coach's post-game interview comments the best.

Jerome Tang, Kansas State University, Basketball Coach: Ranked #3

"We got a ton of faith in each other. They have faith in me. I got faith in every one of these guys right here. They probably did more coaching than I did. I just try to love them. And when you love people, it's amazing what you can accomplish."

Well said, Coach Tang.

I echo those comments to the people who keep Fort McCoy running every day.

I have faith in all of you. You do more for Fort McCoy than I probably do. I just try to value you, acknowledge your hard work, and celebrate your wins.

When you love people, it's amazing what you can accomplish. Thank you!
Lead well!

Youth of the Year: 'Why we WEB'

BY ISABELLA HILT
Fort McCoy Family Member,
and 2023 Boys and Girls Clubs of America
Wisconsin Military Youth of the Year

This year I was given a great opportunity to be a member of the Tomah Middle School (TMS) Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) Program.

As eighth grade students at TMS, WEB Leaders ensured incoming sixth grade students felt welcomed into the middle school environment.

We attended training over the summer so we were prepared to meet with sixth graders during orientation. During orientation, we showed the sixth graders around the school and played games to get them excited for their upcoming middle school experience.

Our goal was to make them feel comfortable, safe and wanted. Once school started we had several interactions with our group sixth graders, and we checked in on them during the year to ensure they were adjusting okay and just to remind them that we were there as a group of peers for them to turn to if they ever needed us.

We also talked with them to make sure they were on track in school and achieving the goals they set at the beginning of the year.

I could feel the importance of what we were doing right from the start, but it really struck me just how important it was when a speaker came to the school to share a story about her son. Her son had struggled to find friends in middle school, and when he did find friends it was by a group associated with drugs. It ended tragically for him in a drug overdose.

She told us that she strongly believed that if he had one good friend, he may still be here today. My hope is that as a WEB Leader we provide that peer group for people to turn to so they don't feel isolated and lonely.

Middle school is an interesting time. Students come to TMS from many different schools around the area, and they are split into two teams. A lot of times they are split up from the friends they spent all of their elementary school years with, and they develop new friends. There are a lot of new extracurricular opportunities in middle school as well which leads to students developing new interests and can further cause them to drift away from friends that they had before coming to TMS.

It is important that all students know there is a group of peers who cares about them and can help them if they



Contributed photo

Isabella Hilt is shown after receiving the 2023 Boys and Girls Clubs of America award earlier this year.

are feeling lonely or stressed out about all of the changes. WEB Leaders provide that safe space and peer network.

As we near the end of the school year, we have been speaking to 5th graders to prepare them for their transition into middle school. A new group of students will be selected to become next year's WEB leaders.

I encourage all students to join WEB or other peer mentoring programs like it. Together we can make a difference. Together we can be the friend that

someone needs when they are feeling lonely or hopeless and ready to give up. Together we can help each other succeed.

Peer mentoring will continue to be a passion of mine, and I plan to keep looking for ways to continue to make a difference as I go into high school.

I am grateful for my time as a WEB Leader at TMS.

Thank you to all of the staff and students who make this great program possible!



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High 5 Award

Aleina Eckelberg is shown March 31 receiving the High 5 Award from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Patric McGuane for her contributions in creating a parent involvement activity at the Fort McCoy Child Development Center.



Photo by Tonya Townsell

Safety award

Recreational Specialist Alex Karis with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation accepts a Garrison Safety Award from Installation Safety Office Manager Randy Eddy on April 11 on behalf of his team at Whitetail Ridge Ski Area for recently completing a safe 2022-23 safe ski season.

A SPECIAL LOOK AT MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD AT FORT MCCOY



Month of the Military Child April 2023

April is the Month of The Military Child. In recognition of military children, Fort McCoy Garrison Commander Col. Steve Messenger and acting Garrison Command Sergeant Major, First Sgt. Jacob Pattison are joined by some of those great kids for this year's celebration video. Check it out at <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/879195/2023-month-military-child-fort-mccoy-wi>.

A special thanks to Superintendent Sam Russ with the Sparta Area School District and Superintendent Mike Hanson with the Tomah Area School District for joining us to celebrate.

Watch other videos on Fort McCoy's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUF0_BwU3d2p51rTh-TE_kw. Or, also check out the Fort McCoy Multimedia-Visual Information Office Defense Video and Imagery Distribution Service page at <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/FMMVIB>. Links are also available on the Fort McCoy official Facebook page.



NEWS

Fort McCoy observes four April monthly observances with proclamation signings by installation leaders

Fort McCoy leaders signed observance proclamations March 30 during the April Awareness Kick-off event at McCoy's Community Center at Fort McCoy.

The proclamations signed during this event included for Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention and Awareness Month and Alcohol Awareness and Prevention Month.

Proclamations also were later signed to observe Autism Awareness Month and Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month as well.

The Fort McCoy Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Prevention (SHARP) team, Family Advocacy Program, Exceptional Family Member Program, and Army Substance Abuse Program coordinated this effort to bring the awareness to the monthly observances, officials said.

The Army SHARP Program at <https://www.armyresilience.army.mil/SAAPM-2023/index.html> discussed the 2023 theme for Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention and Awareness Month.

Nationwide, April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month," the website states. "This year the Army's theme for its campaign is 'Intervene We Are a Team: There is US in TrUSt. Can They Trust in You?' The 2023 SAAPM campaign highlights the importance of building a culture of trust through intervention and prevent unwanted sexual behavior. We should all play an active role in keeping one another safe by creating a culture of trust and stepping up when we witness distressing or inappropriate behavior."

For the Alcohol Awareness and Prevention Month, an article from 2021 by Janice Erdlitz of Lyster Army Health Clinic at https://www.army.mil/article/245667/alcohol_awareness_month is helpful in understanding the reason the observance exists, and more.

"April is National Alcohol Awareness Month, an annual campaign aimed at bringing awareness to the dangers of alcohol misuse," Erdlitz writes in the article. "Recognizing the warning signs of alcohol abuse and receiving proper treatment can make a significant impact with the recovery process."

In the article, Erdlitz also offered these tips. "Know the facts about alcohol. What is moderate alcohol consumption? Moderate alcohol consumption is defined as up to one drink per day for women and up to two drinks per day for men," the article states.

"What is heavy or high-risk drinking? Heavy or high-risk drinking is the consumption of more than three drinks on any day, or more than seven per week for women, and more than four drinks on any day or more than 14 per week for men.

"What is binge drinking? Binge drinking is the consumption within two hours of four or more drinks for women, and five or more drinks for men. Excessive (i.e., heavy, high-risk, or binge) drinking has no benefits, and the hazards of heavy alcohol intake are well known," the article states. "Excessive drinking increases the risk of cirrhosis of the liver, hypertension, stroke, type 2 diabetes, cancer of the upper gastrointestinal tract and colon, injury, and violence. Excessive drinking over time is associated with increased body weight and can impair short- and long-term cognitive function."

With Autism Awareness Month, a 2017 article by Col. Orlando Ruiz Sosa at https://www.army.mil/article/187005/autism_awareness_month_aims_to_educate_describes_it_well.

"The aim of Autism Awareness Month, started by the Autism Society of America in 1970, is to educate the public about autism as a developmental disability and complex mental condition," the article states.

"Autism is a lifelong developmental disability with no single known cause. It can be characterized by difficulties in the way a person communicates or interacts with other people. Typically, children will show symptoms within the first three years of their lives.

"People with autism are classed as having Autism Spectrum Disorder and the terms 'autism' and 'ASD' are often used interchangeably," the article further states. "As it is a wide spectrum disorder,



Photos by Tonya Townsell

(Above) Fort McCoy leaders who signed April awareness month proclamations stop for a photo March 30 at McCoy's Community Center during a special ceremony at Fort McCoy. Fort McCoy Garrison leaders sign the April awareness month proclamations at McCoy's Community Center.



people with autism have a set of symptoms unique to themselves; so no two people are the same."

And for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, at Military OneSource at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/preventing-violence-abuse/child-abuse-prevention-month>, it states how the Army Family Advocacy Program and others are looking for ways to continue to prevent child abuse,

and more.

"Each April, the Family Advocacy Program aligns its awareness efforts with National Child Abuse Prevention Month, but we are committed to keeping (military children) safe year-round," the website states. "Learn how to promote positive parenting and what to do if you think a child or teen needs help."

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(Article prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office.)

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Molle.

— Food service contractor, DCT Incorporated: Karyl Habeck, Amy Ely, Bryon Schuster, and the rest of their Warrior Restaurant management and staff.

— Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Master Planner Brian Harrie.

— Fort McCoy DPW Work Reception staff: Benjamin Milhaupt, Moriah Harter, Alexander Scholten and the shop's Environmental Health Technician Gabriel Gamez.

— Veterinary Services Soldiers at Fort McCoy: Staff Sgt. Josue Vargas Perez, Sgt. Renitha Wreh, and Pfc. Courtney Williams.

This same team is well known for putting forth an excellent effort. At the end of fiscal year 2022 in September 2022, the team had finished a year that was nothing short of unprecedented. Whether it was supporting training operations throughout the fiscal year or supporting one of the largest food-service support missions ever at Fort McCoy during Operation Allies Welcome (OAW), the members of that food-service team had an exceptional year, Pisney said.

During OAW, Pisney said 31 of 34 Fort McCoy dining facilities were in use to support the operation for either feeding Afghans or Task Force personnel or were being used as Wi-Fi centers, classrooms, and more.

Overall, Pisney said the Food Program Management Office and Subsistence Supply Management Office ordered, received, issued, and receipted approximately \$19.3 million in subsistence for the facilities feeding Afghan evacuees or serving as "grab-and-go" facilities.

"Our team also ordered and receipted 2,171,448 cans or bottles of water for the guests, and we sourced and cataloged 120 new subsistence items for guests in conjunction with Sysco Baraboo, LLC, and the Defense Logistics Agency-Troop Support," Pisney said. "Items included Halal Certified Proteins and culturally acceptable foods."

Then after OAW ended and train-

ing operations increased going into the spring and summer 2022, Pisney said his team stepped up and continued to do great work.

For feeding support of personnel from in-garrison and remote-site meals fed, for a Warrior Exercise there were 6,426 meals served. For a Combat Support Training Exercise there were 17,396 meals served. And for exercise Steel Dragon, there were 4,305 meals served, Pisney said citing statistics between June and August for feeding support by his team.

At the Subsistence Supply Management Office, in support of training between June and August 2022, the office delivered 13,302 cases of Meals, Ready-to-Eat; 49,338 meals via meal kits; 2,775 Unitized Group Rations; and 9,634 bags of ice.

"Meal kits are just a complete meal that requires no food-service preparation," Pisney said. "The Unitized Group Rations require food-service capability — a food-service specialist — to prepare. These rations are configured in 50-person modules and contain meat, starch, vegetables, condiments, and beverages."

Pisney said he's always proud of his team.

"We have many unsung heroes, especially when you are talking about this team," Pisney said. "Food service is a training enabler, and we don't ever want it to be a distractor. The mission always comes first, and if we can support the mission without distracting from it — that's perfect. I appreciate everything this team does. We are here to support. It's our mission, and we always try to do the best we can."

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Photo by Christopher Hanson

Members of the Fort McCoy food-service team, Fort McCoy Garrison leadership, and Roberta Sheffield and Franklin Booker with the Joint Culinary Center of Excellence at Fort Lee, Va., celebrate on March 31, 2023, at the Fort McCoy, (Wis.) Garrison Headquarters following the completion of the Army Food Management Assistance Team (FMAT) inspection that was completed for the Fort McCoy Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) Food Program Management Office and LRC Supply Subsistence Management Office.



Photo by Scott T. Sturkol

Soldiers get their lunchtime meal at an installation dining facility April 4 at Fort McCoy.

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BARRACKS

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Training Center is here for many years to come.”

DPW Master Planner Brian Harrie said before all these projects began that essentially these new barracks meant an entire transformation for the 1600 block of Fort McCoy’s cantonment area which previously was filled with barracks built more than 80 years ago.

The completion of this second barracks project also is the second of eight new buildings planned for the entire 1600 block, Harrie said. The plan is for four barracks overall with the same specifications, three 20,000-square-foot brigade headquarters buildings, and one 160-room officer quarters.

“The 1600 block will be completely transformed when all of this construction is completed years from now,” Harrie said. “The 1600 block is a great location for this transformation, too, because it places these facilities for transient training troops near the post’s service-related facilities, such as the commissary, Exchange, and McCoy’s Community Center.”

And just like the fiscal year 2019-funded barracks that was turned over to Fort McCoy DPW in April 2022, this barracks should be available fairly quickly for troop use, DPW officials said.

In 2022, troops were using the new barracks throughout the year during training operations with great feedback on its capabilities, officials said. Plans are in the works to get started on additional projects as well.

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Construction work is shown Feb. 16, 2022, in the 1600 block of the cantonment area at Fort McCoy on the fiscal year 2020-funded barracks project on the post.

As April arrives, brigade headquarters construction project reaches 25 percent completion; roof assembly continues

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL

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As April continues, a lot of progress continues with the \$11.96 million transient training brigade headquarters project at Fort McCoy, including the installation of the roof for the facility.

According to an April 7 update by Ken Green with the Army Corps of Engineers Program Office at Fort McCoy, the project reached 25 percent completion. And with spring now in full swing and warmer weather in place and no snow, the pace of construction and progress has grown by the day.

As of April 11, contractor L.S. Black Constructors was installing more roof covering and was working on installation of more exterior items. In his April 7 update, Green said ongoing work included truss detailing, concrete work, decking had started, interior framing started, and more. Essentially, the building is really starting to take shape.

Overall, the contract for the project, totaling \$11,964,432.87, was awarded June 9, 2022, and construction operations began in August 2022.

As noted in previous articles, Master Planner Brian Harrie with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works (DPW) said the brigade headquarters project is based on the denser, more consolidated footprints of Fort McCoy’s Troop Housing Area Development Plan which states fewer, multiple story buildings allow facilities/functions to be sited closer together, allowing for a more walkable training environment, as well as saving money on utilities.

The smaller footprint of the brigade headquarters building plan builds less impervious surface, which generates less stormwater runoff that requires less stormwater management features and allows for additional cost savings.

The floor plan also is based on the “Operational Readiness Training Complex” standard design and additional square footage has been included in this project to accommodate stair and elevator access to the second floor.”

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Green said at the beginning of the project that the project includes the latest, state-of-the-art systems for fire protection and alarms and video surveillance as well as Energy Monitoring Control Systems.

Also, antiterrorism and force protection measures will be incorporated. And throughout the entire project, sustainability and energy efficient technology will be incorporated.

Overall, including this building and the two barracks already built, eight new buildings are planned for the entire 1600 block, Harrie said. The plan is to build four barracks buildings, the three 20,000-square-foot brigade headquarters buildings, and one 160-room officer quarters.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently designing two brick-and-mortar projects for fiscal year 2023, too, Harrie said. One is the third (of four) four-story barracks in the 1600 block and the other is the officers’ quarters. These are also based on the outcomes of the 1600 Block Transient Training Campus Plan.

Award of both projects is also planned sometime possibly for fiscal year 2023, Harrie said.

Construction projects like this during the fiscal year also plays a role in the economic impact the installation has on local economies. According to the Fort McCoy’s Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, in fiscal year 2022, Fort McCoy’s total economic impact for that fiscal year was an estimated \$2.508 billion. A similar impact for fiscal year 2023 is expected.

“Fiscal year 2022 operating costs of \$391.46 million included utilities, physical plant maintenance, repair and improvements, new construction projects, purchases of supplies and services, as well as salaries for civilian contract personnel working at Fort McCoy.

Other expenditures accounted for \$52.25 million and covered \$339,994 in payments to local govern-



The construction area for a future transient training brigade headquarters in the 1600 block on the cantonment area is shown April 3 (above) and April 7 (below in both photos) at Fort McCoy.



ments (including land permit agreements, school district impact aid, etc.) as well as \$51.91 million in discretionary spending in local communities by service members training and residing at Fort McCoy.

Other factors of economic impact for the fiscal year included \$42.5 million in military construction on post,” states a story about the economic impact

prepared by the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office in March 2023.

The current contract completion date of the brigade headquarters project is planned for December 2023, Green’s update states.

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NEWS

Wisconsin students, educators engage in Meet Your Army Reserve event

BY KALEEN HOLLIDAY
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The 88th Readiness Division headquartered at Fort McCoy, Wis., and Fort Snelling, Minn., hosted a Meet Your Army Reserve recruiting event at Fort McCoy on Mar. 30, 2023. More than 20 students and teachers from around Wisconsin engaged in training simulation and hands-on experiences. ,

The students were greeted at the Medical Simulation Training Center by Maj. Gen. Matthew Baker, 88th RD commanding general, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Wisconsin Maj. Gen. (ret.) Marcia Anderson, and Lt. Col. Jim Lavelle, representing U.S. Army Garrison Fort McCoy.

The group observed portions of the Army Reserve Medical Command Best Warrior Competition then moved to Regional Training Site-Medical for hands-on medical simulation training.

Next they transitioned to the Simulations Training Complex, where military equipment and historical/informational displays shared more about Army Reserve opportunities. Lunch was an experience for the group to prepare their own meals, ready-to eat.

Soldiers from the 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade supported the event, taking rotations from the group in High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle for a ride through the Wheeled Vehicle Driving Course. When returning from the course, students viewed the new Joint Light Tactical Vehicle, the vehicle designated to replace the Humvee.

The event concluded with a virtual experience for students in the Warrior Skills Trainer, where they were able to be behind the virtual wheel of a Humvee.

Amanda Hoppe-Meyer, a teacher from Mosinee High School, share some of her thoughts after the event. “The most valuable thing I learned yesterday is that the Army can provide almost any kind of training and experience for those willing to meet the challenge of service. Each person I met was proud to share their experience in the Army and how it has benefitted them - this wasn’t something for students to read online or a commercial - it was real and honest feedback from people who have lived (or are living) it.”

Hoppe-Meyer stressed the importance of educator awareness of all options available to students. “It is the responsibility of educators to help students prepare to be productive, successful citizens of our ever-changing global community,” Hoppe-Meyer said. “Part of this responsibility is providing an opportunity to explore ALL post-secondary options, including the military. Educators (and students) attending this event can see (and experience) firsthand how today’s Army can help them pursue their personal passions while being a part of something much larger.”

The Meet Your Army Reserve event was the first of its kind at Fort McCoy. The 88th Readiness Division collaborated with recruiters from the Milwaukee U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion and are eager to host another event in the future. Interested students, educators or counselors should reach out to their local Army or Army Reserve recruiters.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood

Maj. Gen. Matthew Baker, commanding general, 88th Readiness Division; Lt. Col. Jim Lavelle, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander at Fort McCoy Garrison; and retired Maj. Gen. Marcia Anderson, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for Wisconsin, spoke to more than 20 Wisconsin high school students and their teachers in the Fort’s Medical Simulation Training Center during the division-led Meet Your Army Reserve Day on March 30 at Fort McCoy.



Mike Roth, a simulations technician at the Regional Training Site-Medical-McCoy has a captive audience of more than 20 Wisconsin high school students and their teachers as he tells them about Diesel, a state-of-the-art dog mannequin, during the 88th Readiness Division-led Meet Your Army Reserve Day at Fort McCoy on March 30.



A Wisconsin high school student smiles after enduring a fillings-jarred ride in a Humvee driven by a 181st Multi-Functional Training Brigade Soldier through the Wheeled Vehicle Driving Course during the 88th Readiness Division-led Meet Your Army Reserve Day at Fort McCoy on March 30. One obstacle on the course saw a Humvee cross several telephone poles in the dirt.



A Wisconsin high school student cracks a smile after shooting a .50-caliber machine gun in the Warrior Skills Trainer building at Fort McCoy.



Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Nash, an Army Reserve Medical Command operations noncommissioned officer, tells the more than 20 Wisconsin high school students and their teachers about medical procedures during the event March 30.

NEWS

Fort McCoy hosts Physical Security Training Workshop

STORY & PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS CLINTON WOOD
88th Readiness Division Public Affairs

U.S. Army Reserve Centers just became more safe and more secure.

Several Soldiers and civilians learned about a myriad of security measures at a U.S. Army Reserve Command Physical Security Training Workshop hosted by the 88th Readiness Division at Fort McCoy from March 28-30.

The Army Reserve Soldiers and civilians who attended studied several physical security measures, including admin key and lock control, annual property book inventory, risk analysis, and physical security officer duties and responsibilities.

Staff Sgt. Robert Miller assigned to the 88th Readiness Division's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, said he feels more prepared to maintain the detachment's physical security requirements after attending this workshop.

"It was satisfying to learn that the U.S. Army and USARC have, and are continuing to develop solid, protective measures against all possible adversaries."

Mark J. Geikowski, the division's deputy G34, supervisory physical security specialist, said the workshop which is among 12 taught by the division this fiscal year is meant to assist minimum requirements under the Army Reserve Pamphlet 190-1 and is in addition to four mandatory Army-wide Physical Security Online training courses.

"These selected physical security officers must complete all of the courses for duty certification," said Geikowski.

"This training is specific to the uniqueness of the Army Reserve requirements that may be added from the active Army but meets the Department of the Army requirements."

Miller said the students also were provided with guidance on how to prepare the Reserve and facilities for protection against inside and outside threats.



Staff Sgt. Julie Charles (left) with the 88th Readiness Division was among the students participating in the division's Physical Security Training Workshop on March 29 at Fort McCoy.

The workshop also was taught by the inspectors who cover the region where the workshops are held.

Geikowski said this means that the students in these workshops will more than likely have the same inspectors when it comes time for their annual

Physical Security Inspections.

"This helps them put a name to the face and start communicating between each other," he said.

Fort McCoy plans 2023 Arbor Day celebration

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy will hold its annual Arbor Day celebration 9 a.m. April 28 west of building 101 on the cantonment area at the installation.

During the observance, Fort McCoy Garrison leadership and other installation personnel will help children from the post Child Development Center plant hundreds of tree seedlings, said Forester Charles Mentzel with the Forestry Office of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch.

"Everyone is invited to attend," Mentzel said. "The post will also be receiving its 34th Tree City USA award from the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) during the celebration."

According to history.com, the origins of Arbor Day dates to the early 1870s in Nebraska City, Neb. A journalist by the name of Julius Sterling Morton moved to the state with his wife, Caroline, in 1854. The couple purchased 160 acres in Nebraska City and planted a wide variety of trees and shrubs in what was a primarily a flat stretch of desolate plain.

Morton later became editor of the state's first newspaper, Nebraska City News, which became a platform for Morton to spread his knowledge of trees and to stress their ecological importance within Nebraska.

On Jan. 7, 1872, Morton proposed a day that would encourage all Nebraskans to plant trees in their community. An agriculture board agreed, and Arbor Day was born. The first Arbor Day was held April 10, 1872.

The tradition spread quickly. Within 20 years, Arbor Day had reached a large swath of the nation and was celebrated in every state except for Delaware. It wasn't until 1970, however, that Arbor Day became recognized nationwide, thanks to President Richard Nixon. This move was in line with other environmentally friendly actions taken by Nixon in the 1970s, including the passing of the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Protection Act, and more.

Mentzel said the Fort McCoy Arbor Day event is always coordinated by the installation Forestry program. In addition to the hundreds of trees planned for planting during the observance, thousands more will be planted on post.

"Planting thousands of new trees is an effort that is repeated every year on post," Mentzel said. "Fort McCoy has more than 46,000 acres of forested land managed by the Forestry Office, and it's important to maintain those forested areas."

Mentzel said in 2023, the plan is also to plant thousands of trees in Training Area B-05 and Training Area A-04. Those tree-planting efforts will likely be completed with local students and groups as well like in past years, Mentzel said.

During the 2022 Arbor Day celebration, more than 500 trees were planted, and everyone had a great time.

"It was fantastic to celebrate trees with the best turn-out in years," Mentzel said after the event. "No masks and a lot of smiles — all in the name of trees. To see the kids' faces having a good time is worth all the work to prepare for that day. The children and adults planted more than 500 trees at that site. It was a great effort by all."

Fort McCoy's motto is to be the "Total Force Training Center." Located in the heart of the upper Midwest, Fort McCoy is the only U.S. Army installation in Wisconsin.

The installation has provided support and facilities for the field and classroom training of more than 100,000 military personnel from all services nearly every year since 1984.

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy>, on the Defense Visual Information Distribution System at <https://www.dvidshub.net/fmpao>, on Facebook by searching "ftmccoy," and on Twitter by searching "usagmccoy." Also try downloading the Digital Garrison app to your smartphone and set "Fort McCoy" or another installation as your preferred base.

(The Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch contributed to this article.)



(Above and below) Event-goers participate in the annual Arbor Day celebration April 29, 2022, west of Gate 5 on the cantonment area at Fort McCoy.



115TH ARMY RESERVE BIRTHDAY

APRIL 21, 2023

Celebrating 115 Years of Selfless Service to the Army and the Nation

3:00-4:30 pm at McCoy's Community Center

Event is FREE and open to the entire Fort McCoy community. Complimentary cake, appetizers and beverages while supplies last.

For additional information, call 608-388-7400

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Spring is Here!

The spring activities will offer opportunities for children to bond with family and friends while learning important life skills needed to help them grow and enhance learning. Spring schedule will include activities for St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day and a visit to Henry Vilas Zoo.

Registration

To register, please call 608-388-2412 or email brittany.r.sonie.civ@mail.mil

Event Dates

April 4, April 11, April 18
May 9, May 16, May 23

Playgroups held from 10am - 12pm at the ACS Family Building (B216)

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NEWS

Wisconsin Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk crew holds 2023 Bambi bucket training at Fort McCoy

STORY & PHOTOS BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Wisconsin Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk aircrew members with the Madison, Wis.-based 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment trained to drop water on wildfires April 10 using a Bambi bucket at Fort McCoy while the Fort McCoy prescribed burn team completed a prescribed burn.

The post prescribed burn team includes personnel with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department; Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division Natural Resources Branch (NRB); Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; and the Colorado State University Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands who work in partnership with the post's DPW team.

Personnel with the Fort McCoy prescribed burn team helped coordinate with the Black Hawk helicopter and crew to complete water drops on specific areas during a prescribed burn at Training Area B-18 near Badger Drop Zone on South Post.

Fort McCoy Forester Charles Mentzel with the Forestry Office of the DPW's NRB said the training with the Wisconsin National Guard crews went well.

"It went very well," Mentzel said. "Our feedback from them was that it went great, too. There were six drops that were accomplished by them. They told us they got two or three pilots trained. And the prescribed burn accomplished our goal of setting back that area to an oak savannah."

Mentzel also said the prescribed burn helped to reduce fire hazards in the area.

For the April 10 training, Big Sandy Lake on South Post was used for a water source for the Black Hawk crew to draw their water from. From there it was only a few miles to the drop area where a prescribed burn was taking place.

According to the Wisconsin National Guard, the bucket training allows Black Hawk flight crews to sharpen their skills. Understanding how to use the bucket can be used to potentially assist the people in a fire emergency, such as a wildfire response.

In previous articles about this same kind of training, Mentzel described how Fort McCoy is an ideal place for the training. He said every time they complete the training it builds on a continuing relationship between the Fort McCoy prescribed burn team and the Wisconsin National Guard.

"We are a military training base, have the facilities to support the helicopters, and the land base to do the training," Mentzel said in a past article.



(Above and right) A Wisconsin Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk aircrew with the Madison, Wis.-based 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment trains to drop water on wildfires April 10 using a Bambi bucket at Fort McCoy.

"The water sources also are on the installation, so helicopters don't have to cross any public roadways while carrying water to the fire."

More prescribed burns will likely take place across Fort McCoy during spring 2023 and later in

the year as conditions permit.

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Fort McCoy's Pine View Campground set to reopen for 2023 season May 1

STORY & PHOTO BY SCOTT T. STURKOL
Public Affairs Staff

Fort McCoy's Pine View Campground staff is busy preparing the area to be ready for a new season, and the planned reopening is tentatively May 1, said Recreational Specialist Alex Karis with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"Preparations are under way," Karis said. "The Outdoor Recreation maintenance team is busy working clearing downed trees and getting sites ready to go for the summer. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will begin to de-winterize the campers to have them ready to go for rentals."

"We also have a partnership in place with the Wisconsin Challenge Academy to have cadets out on April 22 to help get the picnic area and beach area cleaned and ready," Karis said. "We are also coordinating with the Fort McCoy Directorate of Public Works to get the comfort stations opened up and cleaned. A lot of our reopen date depends on weather, but we are looking at being fully operational by May 1. Hopefully sooner but that depends on Mother Nature."

In 2022, Fort McCoy's Pine View Campground had yet again one of the best years ever seen at the area. For 2023, officials hope to see that continued success.

Pine View Campground is part of the Pine View Recreation Area. Celebrating 50 years of use in 2022, Pine View Recreation Area includes hundreds of acres of publicly accessible land with miles hiking trails, the La Crosse River that's home to several species of trout, Trout Falls on the La Crosse River, Suukjak Sep Lake and Suukjak Sep Creek, the campground, Whitetail Ridge Ski Area, and Sportsman's Range.

"Pine View Recreation Area offers four-season, year-round activities to include camping, hiking, fishing, and more," Karis said. "In ... the entire Pine View Recreation Area there's opportunities to enjoy some fantastic outdoor recreation opportunities."

One activity includes participating in Wisconsin's fishing season, which prospective anglers can partake in along the La Crosse River in the Pine View Recreation Area near the campground. Anglers must have the required Fort McCoy fishing license and related Wisconsin fishing license and trout stamp to be able to fish on the installation. Learn more about fishing rules and requirements for Fort McCoy by visiting the Fort McCoy iSportsman page at <https://ftmccoyisportsman.net>.

"Suukjak Sep Lake also offers a place for anglers to try their hand at fishing," Karis said.

The lake was formerly known as Squaw Lake. The new name, Suukjak Sep, translates to "black wolf" in the Ho-Chunk language and was renamed recently. The lake is a man-made impoundment on Suukjak Sep Creek which was also recently renamed. The creek itself was named Squaw Creek sometime in the mid-1800s.

Every spring the lake is stocked with hundreds of rainbow trout, too, and it has a natural population of other species of fish to include bluegill and bass. Fort McCoy fishing rules also apply for Suukjak Sep Lake and all permits and licenses are required. Refer to the Fort McCoy iSportsman website, <https://ftmccoyisportsman.net>, for more information.

And another great outdoor recreation opportunity for the public to see and visit are the Pine View Recreation Area hiking trails, Karis said. "If you want to see something incredibly beautiful, then come see Trout Falls," Karis said.

The equipment-issue operation at Recreational Equipment Check-



A camper is set up at a campsite May 26, 2022, at Pine View Campground at Fort McCoy. Pine View Campground is part of Pine View Recreation Area.

out also will be fully available.

Some of the services that are available at the campground, once open, include:

- full-service campsites and cabins, including many new cabins.
- fishing and hiking trails (for guests only).
- lake/beach (no lifeguards on duty).
- rental equipment.
- shuffleboard.
- miniature golf.
- comfort stations (toilets/showers).
- camp store (retail items, such as wood, are available via delivery to sites).

- yurts, tent sites, and basic electric sites.
- playgrounds and pavilions.
- basketball, volleyball, and horseshoes areas.

"Again we look forward to another great year," Karis said. "We have exceptional camp sites, cabins, and more. I encourage everyone to pay us a visit this year."

The campground reservation office is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To reserve a site or a cabin, call 608-388-3517. For additional information, such as rates and fees, go to <https://mccoy.armymwr.com/programs/pine-view-campground>.

(The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation contributed to this article.)

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS/PREVENTION MONTH

Strike-Out Sexual Assault Virtual Bowling Event

APRIL 18 - 22, 2023

Show your support and Strike-Out Sexual Assault by participating in a Virtual Bowling Event! Come to McCoy's Community Center and bowl a standard 10 frame round and post a photo to the event discussion board at: www.facebook.com/McCOYMWR

Fort McCoy SHARP 24/7 Helpline 608-388-3000 | DoD Safe Helpline 877-995-5247 | #SAAPM2023

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

PAJAMA RUN/WALK 3K

APRIL 22, 2023
SOUTH POST COMMUNITY CENTER
RACE STARTS AT 9:00AM

THOSE WHO DRESS IN PJ'S WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN PRIZES UNDER THREE CATEGORIES:

INDIVIDUAL	BEST DUO	BEST FAMILY SET
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TO REGISTER, STOP BY BLDG. 1355 OR BLDG. 221, OR CALL 608-388-2230 BEFORE APRIL 19

NEWS NOTES/FACILITIES



family movie night

In Honor of MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD.
Fort McCoy MWR is hosting a community event that includes Games, Activities, Information Booths, Free Food & a showing of "Minions: The Rise of Gru"

APRIL 14, 2023 | 5-8pm
McCOY'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Activities start at 5pm | Movie starts at 6pm | Call 608-388-2625 for info
Event will end at the conclusion of the movie at approx. 8:00pm. Additional food available for purchase.

Stop by to visit Army Community Service

The Army Community Service (ACS) Center is located in building 2111. ACS provides services that assist in maintaining the readiness of individuals, families, and communities within America's Army.

ACS is open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Authorized patrons only. Call 608-388-3505 for more information.

RSO offers religious education, more

The Fort McCoy Religious Support Office (RSO) builds community and provides opportunities for Fort McCoy personnel and families to experience growth in their faith, support in the midst of change, and opportunities to meet new people.

The RSO provides religious support through programs and events such as the Centershot Archery Program, Financial Peace University (FPU), Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC), Walk to Mary, Easter and Christmas ecumenical services and fellowship events, community prayer luncheons for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, spiritual resilience retreats and training, and the RSO Winter Tubing Party.

A religious education library is available to all at the RSO; some books are free to keep while others are available check-out.

Also, for information about chapel and worship schedules in the surrounding communities, call

608-388-3528. The RSO is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO.

And if you have an emergency, call 608-630-6073 (on-call duty chaplain).

If you are not able to reach the on-call duty chaplain, call the Directorate of Emergency Services at 608-388-2266, and they will contact the on-call duty chaplain for further assistance.

Family Housing information

Family Housing is located in building 6158 on South Post. Single-family government homes, unaccompanied personnel housing, and Housing Service Office relocation/rental information is available there.

They are open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Call 608-388-3704 or email usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.list.dpw-housing@army.mil for more information.

Next issue of The Real McCoy

The next edition of The Real McCoy will be published April 28, 2023.

The deadline for submissions or article ideas is April 19, 2023.

For more information, call 608-388-4128.

Exchange celebrating military kids with April Art Contest

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Service is partnering with Kellogg's, the Commissary and the Military Child Education Coalition to celebrate military kids with an art contest during the Month of the Military Child.

From April 1 through April 30, military children younger than 18 can submit original artwork for a chance at a \$300 gift card prize pack.

Each of the six winners will receive a \$100 Exchange gift card, a \$100 commissary gift card and a

\$100 Visa gift card.

There will be two winners in each of the age categories: kindergarten through fifth grade; sixth through eighth grade; and ninth through 12th grade.

Visit www.celebratemilitarykids.com to view complete rules, eligibility requirements and contest categories and to submit entries. One entry per child.

Warrior Restaurants

Building 50 operates April-September.
Building 1362 operates October-March

- Military members, military family members, and Department of Defense (DOD) civilians on official orders for temporary duty training may use Warrior Restaurants.
- DOD civilians working on Fort McCoy and retired military personnel may use Warrior Restaurants when MWR facilities are not open.
- Units must coordinate through the Food Program Management Office at 608-388-6518/4739.

Open Hours

Breakfast: 6-8 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.

Rates per meal

Breakfast - \$4.30
Lunch - \$6.85
Dinner - \$5.95

Other Dining

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Catering/administration, call 608-388-2065. Building 1571. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat. Call 608-388-7060.

Snack Avenue: Building 1538. Located inside Express. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604 or 608-388-4343.

Specialty Express Food Court: Building 1538. Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Limited seating available. Delivery available to South Post and in cantonment area. Call 608-269-5615, ext. 303.

Whitetail Ridge Chalet/Ten Point Pub: Open during regular ski area hours. Call 608-388-3517.

Recreation

Automotive Skills Center: Building 1763. Open 1-9 p.m. Thur.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Call 608-388-3013.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS): Call 608-388-3200.

iSportsman: Portal for outdoor recreational activities; registration and check-in required. Register, apply for permits, and sign in or out of recreation areas at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

McCoy's Community Center: Building 1571. Offers books, arcade, gaming area, and bowling. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat. (Bar, food, bowling). Call 608-388-7060.

Bowling Center: Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 4-10 p.m. Sat.

Leisure Travel Services Office: Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3011.

Pine View Campground/Recreational Equipment Checkout Center: Building 8053. Call 608-388-2619.

Recreation Accommodations: Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. Mon. by appointment only. Call 608-388-2029.

Running Track Fitness Facility: Building 1395. Open 5 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. 24/7 access available. Limited capacity. Call 608-388-4475. Use designated parking areas.

Sportsman's Range: Closed for the season. Call 608-388-9162 for information.

Tactics Paintball/Laser Tag: By appointment only; 2-day notice required. Call 608-388-3517.

Whitetail Ridge Ski Area: Open for Season. Call 608-388-4498 or 608-388-3517 for more information.

Services

Barber Shop (Exchange): Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-269-1710.

Car Rentals (Enterprise): Information available at the Exchange, building 1538. Use the phone at the Enterprise sign. Call 608-782-6183 or 800-654-3131; use CDP# 1787245.

Car Wash: Building 1568. Offers self-service

and automatic bays and vacuums. Open 24/7. May close during extremely cold weather. Accepts cash or credit cards. Call 608-388-4161.

Commissary: Building 1537. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Call 608-388-3542/3543.

Computer Lab: Building 50, room 100A. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Computers, projector, printer, scanner, fax machine available. Call ahead for availability. Call 608-388-2474.

CWT (Carlson Wagonlit Travel) SatoTravel: Building 2180. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. No walk-ins. Call 608-388-2370 or 608-269-4560, or 800-927-6343.

Education/Learning Center: Building 50, room 123. Open 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Fri. No walk-ins. Email darrell.hawkins.ct@mail.mil to schedule tests. Email connie.j.schauer.civ@mail.mil for other services.

Equal Employment Opportunity: Open 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. No walk-ins. Call 608-388-3106/3107 or email usarmy.usarc.usarc-hq.mbx.eeo@mail.mil.

Exchange: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604.

ID Card/DEERS Section: Building 35. Open 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed. and Fri. and 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Thur. By appointment only. Call 608-388-4563.

IHG Army Hotels: Building 51. Open 24/7. Call 608-388-2107 or 877-711-TEAM (8326).

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Launderette/Dry Cleaning: Building 1538. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-269-1075.

Laundry Facilities: Open 24/7. Exclusively for use by Soldiers training on Fort McCoy. Civilian, family members, and retired military members are not authorized to use these facilities. Call 608-388-3800 to find out which buildings are open.

Military Clothing: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Call 608-269-5604, ext. 203.

Military Personnel: Building 2187. Open 7:30

facilities services

This schedule is projected through April 27, 2023.
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Call facilities to verify hours before traveling.

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Official Mail Distribution Center: Building 1009 (by Gate 20). Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3205.

Patriot Outfitters: Building 1538. Closed until further notice. Call 608-269-1115.

Permit Sales: Building 2168. Hunting, fishing, and firewood permits. Open 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Check ftmccoy.isportsman.net for updates. Call 608-388-3337.

Personal Property Processing Office: Building 200. Open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 608-388-3060, fax: 608-388-5634, email: usarmy.mccoy.asc.mbx.lrc-pppo@mail.mil.

Retirement Services Office: Building 35. Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-3716.

R.I.A. Credit Union: Building 1501. Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 2-4 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. ATMs are located in building 1501 (available 24/7); McCoy's, building 1571; Exchange, building 1538; and IHG Army Hotels, building 51 (available 24/7). Call 608-388-2171.

Service Station/Express/Class VI: Building 1538. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Call 608-388-4343. Pay-at-the-pump gas is open 24/7.

Transition Service Center: Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-7956.

Visitor Control Center: Building 35. Open 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Passes issued at Main Gate outside of VCC hours. Physical Security open for fingerprints Thur. only. Call 608-388-2266. See ID/DEERS section for its hours.

Family Support

Army Community Service: Building 2111. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Call 608-388-3505.

Army Substance Abuse Program: Building 1344. Open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By ap-

pointment only. Call 608-388-2441.

Child Development Center: Building 1796. Open: M-F: 6:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. Call: 608-388-2238. Childcare requests should be made at <https://public.militarychildcare.csd.disa.mil/mcc-central/mcchome>.
Housing Office: Building 6158. Open 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Family Housing, Single Soldier Housing, and referral services. Self-Help Warehouse open noon-3:30 p.m. Wed. and 8 a.m.-noon Fri. Call 608-388-2804.

Military Family Life Counseling: Building 2111. MFLCs can provide short-term, nonmedical counseling at no cost and augment existing military support programs. Services can be provided on or off post. Call 608-388-8068 or 352-598-4972 or email fischerf@magellanfederal.com 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Red Cross: Fort McCoy active-duty Soldiers and Family members can call 877-272-7337 for emergency assistance. For other Red Cross services,

call 800-837-6313 or 608-788-1000.

School Age/Youth Center: Building 1792. Activities for youth kindergarten through 12th grade. Offers after-school, non-school, and inclement weather care for eligible youth. Open: M-F: 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Summer & Non-School Days; 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm. After School Call: 608-388-4373. Childcare requests should be made at <https://public.militarychildcare.csd.disa.mil/mcc-central/mcchome>.

Health Care

Alcoholics Anonymous: For more information, call 608-388-5955/2441.

Fort McCoy Civilian Employee Assistance Program: Screening and referral services for civilian employees and Family members experiencing difficulties due to problems related to substance abuse, mental health, marital/family discord, or other causes. By appointment only. Call 608-388-2441/5955.

Fort McCoy Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP): 24/7 hot-line: 608-388-3000.

Occupational Health Clinic: Building 1679. Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. By appointment only. Call 608-388-8461.

TRICARE: TRICARE North Region, 877-874-2273; TRICARE West Region, 877-988-9378; TRICARE South Region, 800-444-5445; TRICARE for Life, 866-773-0404; or www.tricare.mil.

Worship

Catholic: Chapel 10, building 1759. 9:15 a.m. Sun. Limited capacity. No fellowship. Services also available through Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO>. Call 608-388-3528.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 702 E. Montgomery St., Sparta, Wis. Call 608-269-3377.

Jewish: Congregations of Abraham, 1820 Main St., La Crosse, Wis. Call 608-784-2708 for options.

Protestant: Chapel 1, building 2672. 10:30 a.m. Sun. Limited capacity. No fellowship. Services also available through Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/FtMcCoyRSO>. Call 608-388-3528.

Spanish Language: Catholic services in Norwalk; call 608-823-7906 for options. Seventh-Day Adventist services in Tomah; call 608-374-2142 for options.

Face-to-face services are not currently available. Call RSO at 608-388-3528 for options and assistance. If you have an emergency, call 608-388-2266, and the on-call duty chaplain will be contacted.

Organizations

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1882: Call 608-388-1882.

American Society of Military Comptrollers: Meets several times throughout the year. For more information, call 608-269-1912.

Reserve Officers Association, Fort McCoy-Readiness 43: For more information, call 920-535-0515 or email justdave49@centurylink.net.

Sgt. Audie Murphy Club: Email michael.p.gibson.mil@mail.mil for information.

USO Wisconsin at Fort McCoy: Building 1501. 10th Ave.

Hours:
— School year - Thurs-Fri 10 am -4 pm, Sat noon-4 pm
— Summer - Tues-Fri 10 am - 6 pm, Sat Noon -8 pm

For more information or to volunteer, call 414-477-7279 or email ehazlett@usowisconsin.org.

Warrant Officers Association, Chapter 0317: For more information, email usawomccoy@outlook.com.

KNOW SOMEONE EXPERIENCING ABUSE OR NEEDING HELP?

LOCAL RESOURCES

Fort McCoy Family Advocacy Program

Brittany Sonie 608-388-2412/3505

Child Protective Services Monroe County

*Report Child Abuse and/or Neglect 608-269-8854

*After business hours, call 911 and or Fort McCoy DES at 608-388-2000 to report Domestic Abuse or Child abuse

Victim Advocacy Services 608-630-7473

*After business hours, call 911 and or Fort McCoy DES at 608-388-2000 to report Domestic Abuse or Child abuse

Brighter Tomorrows

Monroe County Domestic Violence Shelter Crisis Hotline: 1-888-886-2327

www.endabusewi.org

Call ACS at 608-388-3505 for additional information

NATIONAL RESOURCES

Domestic Abuse Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or

www.hotline.org

National Stalking Resources

1-800-394-2255

National Suicide and Crisis

Lifeline: 988



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CONDITION	IF YOU HEAR	THIS INDICATES	INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS
Natural Disaster	3- to 5-minute steady tone or voice announcement	Disaster imminent or in progress. Examples: Tornado, flash flood, hazardous-materials release, wildfire.	Be alert. Ensure all personnel are warned. Take cover by evacuating to a safe location or sheltering in place. Notify supervisor of location. Tune in to local radio or TV stations for emergency information.
Attack	30-sec. to 5-min. wavering tone or voice announcement	Attack imminent or in progress. Examples: Vehicle bomb, terrorist action, release of biological or radioactive materials.	Be alert. Ensure all personnel are warned. Implement force-protection condition (FPCON) procedures as indicated. Take cover by evacuating to a safe location or sheltering in place. Notify supervisor of location.
All Clear	Voice announcement	Immediate threat from disaster or attack is over.	Be alert for secondary hazards. Account for all personnel. Check building. Await instructions on FPCON level. Report fires, injuries and other hazards.



Contractors with JMJ Construction of New Lisbon, Wis., along with support from Heritage Movers of Blue River, Wis., move a third World War II-era building from the 1600 block on the cantonment area to the 1800 block April 4 at Fort McCoy.

BARRACKS

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the parking lot of directly in front of one of the newest four-story barracks buildings recently constructed on post. It was, again, a moment of “old meets new.”

After an overnight in the parking lot of the new barracks, on the morning of April 4, Matt Childs with Heritage Movers guided the barracks on its course down the street past the 1700 block to the 1800 block to its new location.

Childs said at the end of moving the third building he thought it “went well” after setting down the remote control from steering the building on wheels for almost three-quarters of the mile at 3 miles per hour.

On April 6, the contractors had the fourth building all prepared to be moved to the 2800 block. However, because this time it was going to be going a couple miles to its new spot, the move was going to be completed with the use of a truck.

In the 8-o-clock hour on the morning of April 6, with power company insulated bucket trucks and utility crews going ahead of them moving power lines, the contractors moved the fourth World War II-era barracks slowly and safely through the cantonment area.

On both April 4 and April 6 there was some wind and overcast skies, but there was no rain or inclement weather so the moves weren’t made more difficult than needed, and many people associated with the work said they were grateful they had acceptable weather to get the work done.

And once again, looking back, all four of the buildings were originally built 81 years ago in 1942 during the construction of Fort McCoy’s cantonment area. An article in the Aug. 28, 1942, edition of The Real McCoy newspaper discussed the actual construction of the cantonment area and these buildings.

“Actual building and grading operations for the erection of the hundreds of buildings began March 20, 1942, although the original survey by a corps of engineers was made in July 1941. Authorization for construction was given by the War Department on Feb. 9, 1942.”

The article also states, “Each of the new buildings is of the most modern military design for comfort and welfare of the Soldiers. All are equipped with the latest of scientific appliances. The first Soldiers to move into the new area were the Camp McCoy Military Police. Hundreds of mechanics of every type and description were employed to grade and construct the hundreds of buildings, warehouses, recreation centers, chapels, and other necessary buildings. A few months ago, this new camp site was a countryside consisting of beautiful hills and valleys studded with scrub oak, jack pine, and wild grass. Today it is one of the finest military camps in the world.”

Now that the old barracks are moved, work can commence to make way for more new construction in the 1600 block.

DPW Master Planner Brian Harrie said overall eight new buildings are planned for the entire 1600 block. The plan is to build four barracks buildings — two of which are now complete, the three 20,000-square-foot brigade headquarters buildings — one of which is currently under construction, and one 160-room officer quarters.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently designing two brick-and-mortar projects for fiscal year 2023, too, Harrie said. One is the third (of four) four-story barracks in the 1600 block and the other is the officers’ quarters. These are also based on the outcomes of the 1600 Block Transient Training Campus Plan. Award of both projects is also planned sometime possibly for fiscal year 2023.

And there’s still work to be done on those four barracks that were moved. DPW officials said the contract scope of work shows that in addition to moving the buildings to their new locations, the work includes building new concrete foundations, installing new furnaces, hot water heaters, and completing site work such as installing utilities and completing grading and sidewalks.

“The contract scope of work also includes repairs to anything damaged during transport,” said DPW Construction Inspection Branch Chief Dan Hanson. “The plan is to relocate the buildings to the new locations ... then lift them onto the new foundations and complete the remaining work by this summer.”

The old barracks were among more than 1,500 buildings constructed by more than 8,000 workers in 1942, which took nine months to complete at a cost of \$30 million (approximately \$545 million today). The triangular share of the cantonment area, or the “triad,” was designed to allow troop units to live and train efficiently under one headquarters.

Fort McCoy’s motto is to be the “Total Force Training Center.” Located in the heart of the upper Midwest, Fort McCoy is the only U.S. Army installation in Wisconsin.

Learn more about Fort McCoy online at <https://home.army.mil/mccoy>, on the Defense Visual Information Distribution System at <https://www.dvidshub.net/fmpao>, on Facebook by searching “ftmccoy,” and on Twitter by searching “usagmccoy.” Also try downloading the Digital Garrison app to your smartphone and set “Fort McCoy” or another installation as your preferred base.



(Above, below left, and below right) Contractors with JMJ Construction of New Lisbon, Wis., along with support from Heritage Movers of Blue River, Wis., move the third World War II-era building into its spot in the 1800 block April 4 at Fort McCoy.



(Above and below) Contractors with JMJ Construction and Heritage Movers move the fourth World War II-era building down the street from the 1600 block 2800 block April 6 at Fort McCoy. They had to carefully make their way under many sets of electrical wires along the way.





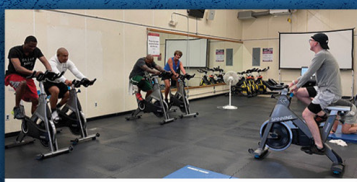
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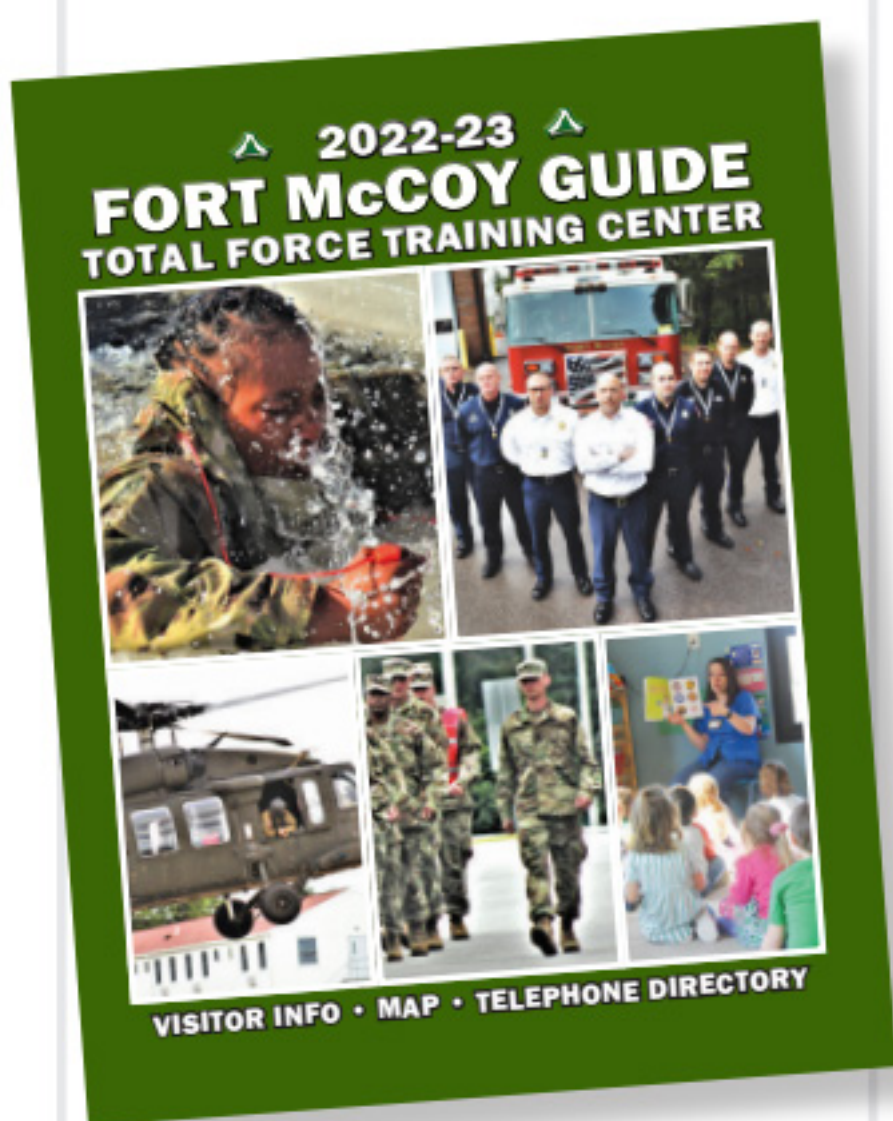


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THIS TRAINING WILL:

Examine strategies to
prevent sexual harassment
and sexual assault.

Examine all of our roles
in intervening when sexual
harassment or sexual
assault is present.

Thoroughly explain reporting
processes and procedures for
reporting sexual harassment
and sexual assault.

Discuss support resources
available.

2023 Training Dates

Who: All personnel of Fort McCoy.

What: The purpose of the leader led SHARP training is to conduct this in an interactive, participative discussion-based session.

Where: Leaders' choice - Individualized to meet the needs of each Garrison Directorate.

When: Leaders' choice - Individualized to meet the needs of each Garrison Directorate.

To register, please call Garrison Victim Advocate at 608-388-8951

Significance:

- SHARP training is good for one calendar year
- FY22 SHARP TSP can be used until FY23
- GTA 19-11-001 OCTOBER 2021 REFERENCE CARD will continue to be used until New Reference Card is available
- CONTACT: Garrison Victim Advocate, to coordinate and provide Leader-Led Training

ACS events are open to Military, Retirees, Civilian workforce, Family Members and registered Fort McCoy Volunteers, unless otherwise stated.



Fort McCoy 24/7 Hotline: 608-388-3000

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